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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BEDELL SMITH

Attention: Lieutenant Colonel Mathew Baird

Subject: Informal meeting to discuss program training of
area specialists

The Social Science Research Council has come forward with a timely draft proposal (see attachment "A") for a project on training area specialists at selected institutions of higher education. Over the past several years many persons have been concerned with the development of this idea both within the government and in private organizations.

We have now reached a point where, I believe, further development of the project would require substantive legislation and depends on a close working relationship of the interested agencies of government and such private agencies as the Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies.

In order to obtain the views of the several interested agencies with respect to this matter an informal meeting has been arranged for Monday, March 19, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 245 Executive Office Building. I am suggesting that a representative of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council be present.

There is attached, for your information, (1) a proposal prepared on January 19, 1951 and submitted informally by the Social Science Research Council, entitled "A Project for Training Area Specialists," (2) a letter and supporting memorandum prepared in the Department of State commenting on the proposal and suggesting alternative courses of action, and (3) a memorandum of March 12, 1951 prepared by the Director of Manpower, NSRB, to the Office of Defense Mobilization related to the same subject.

I hope very much you can be present in order that we can, if possible, reach some conclusion as to further steps which may be appropriate.

Assistant Director

Attachments (8)

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